

The Board of Aldermen Hold a Busy Session

Buy New Fire Hose-- Discuss New Motor Truck--Appoint Sanitary Inspectors and Transact Other Business--Another Meeting Tonight

It took the Board of Aldermen just about three hours last night to purchase one thousand feet of hose from the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company of New York and if the original two thousand feet of this particular commodity which had been advertised for had been purchased, the Board would have in all probability been on the job this morning.

"Twas 'Firemen's Night'" The regular meeting night in May might correctly be termed "Firemen's Night" as matters pertaining to the fire companies took up about the entire session and all other matters were just about side tracked for the affairs in which the fire ladders were interested. The purchase of the hose above referred to was made after much and due consideration. The city had advertised for two thousand feet of hose for the new fire trucks and twelve sealed bids had been sent in. In addition to this six of the bidders had representatives on hand and they were separately and collectively determined to talk about their particular brand of hose and talk they did, in fact for two hours or more there was nothing but talk.

Some Talk Fests Each one of the hose salesmen was given ten minutes in which to explain the merits and demerits of their wares and then another ten minutes was allowed them in which to show where the "other fellow" had had said about his brand. The salesmen talked and the Board sat and listened. It was about as fine a line of oratory as one would care to listen at, that is if they were interested in hose. The arguments were brilliant and elaborate but Frank Griffith, representing the company from whom the thousand feet of water conveyor was purchased, took the prize in the oratorical contest and was awarded the contract at a price of eight-six cents per foot.

The New Fire Engine The matter of accepting the new triple combination motor driven fire engine which was recently purchased from the American La France Fire Engine Company, of Elmira, N. Y., came up for consideration and action. The new truck has been tried out during the past few days and put through every conceivable test and was found to be in first class shape and was, presumably just what was wanted. Alderman Blades made a motion that the Mayor and the Fire Department Committee be empowered to sign up papers consummating the purchase of the machine. Just at this juncture Alderman Satterwhite handed to the Clerk a telegram which, for a few moments, looked as though might cause trouble.

Some Explaining The telegram in question was from the Mayor of Atlanta, Ga., stating that that city had recently purchased one of the same sort of machines as that sold to New Bern for \$8250 with a chemical tank or \$8,000 without the tank. As The La France Company had charged New Bern \$6,000 for the machine it was up to someone to do some explaining and E. L. Wiant who came to New Bern with the machine and who has been demonstrating it, proceeded to tell all of the ways and wherefores as to the Atlanta deal.

Mr. Wiant stated that Atlanta purchased two trucks at the same time. That his company had an office in that city and that they used the Atlanta trucks for demonstration purposes. He further stated that he had made New Bern the same proposition if the city would purchase two trucks at the same time but this was not done. The telegram from the Atlanta man also declared that the La France Company had agreed to keep the trucks in repair for five years. Asked as to this, Mr. Wiant replied that the reason they did this was on account of the company making use of them for their own purposes.

Was Satisfactory The explanation apparently proved satisfactory and when the ruffled waters were again in a tranquil state the Mayor and the Fire Department Committee were instructed to see that all the necessary parts to the machine had been supplied and then to accept it. However, as it is not probable that anything on the machine is at all special in the construction.

LOCAL CONCERN HIGHLY PRAISED New Bern Electrical Supply Company Does Good Work The New Bern Electric Supply Company which is under the management of J. J. Tolson, Jr., has just completed the wiring of the new Columbus county Court House which has recently been erected in Whiteville, and The News Reporter of that town carried the following account of the work in a recent issue: "The work in wiring the new Court House is now practically completed. The only work yet to do is the fixing of the switch plates when the plastering is finished. The work has been in the hands of the New Bern Electric Supply Co., under the supervision of Mr. Z. V. Taylor, Jr., and is greatly to their credit."

In each of the smaller office rooms there are to be three or four lights and in the large court room there will be two electroliners bearing ten lights each; this is in addition to the lights around the bar. Each floor has its separate switch board, from which all, or so many of the lights may be switched on or off. The offices will be fitted with neat brass switch plates flush with the wall.

"The work is concealed throughout the entire building; and the cut-in from the mains in the street is underground."

MASON JETREYS FIGHT HEAVY TAX ORDINANCE Mason, May 4.—Proprietors of the local jitney buses have engaged counsel to resist the proposed stringent city regulation of these vehicles. An ordinance requiring a bond of \$5,000 and a heavy tax will be voted on in Council tomorrow night and it is to this that the jitney bus operators are objecting. They say that the ordinance will put them out of business.

FRIENDS OF MEN WHO WIN IN THE ELECTION MERRY

Supporters of Administration In Raleigh Make Things Warm

SERENADE PAPER

Paid Their Respects To The News and Observer In Noisy Manner

Raleigh, May 4.—The city administration supporters celebrated all night and many did not come up this morning when the work time came. The commissioners were in place. They slept while their jubilant followers serenaded with a band which played tunes and travesties much of the night and picked out some spots and there were many, and tried the charms that music is alleged to have on beasts or savages.

Two years ago the band assuming that Commissioner wing would fire chief Snell of the police force, spent an hour or so after midnight making chief Snell feel bad. The commissioner did discharge Mr. Snellafter a brief period with him. This morning the same musicians, went to the News and Observer office, and played that force a choice lot of dirges.

The paper did not think highly of the aggregation of players. It had expressed its opinion quite freely of the three commissioners in whose honor the celebrants were making their all night noise. The News and Observer called it "A weak resemblance of a tune," but neither Handel's Largo nor the Hallelujah Chorus could have been favorably received this morning.

No Charges The election was productive of no charges against any of the officials connected with it. One of the accusations, perhaps the only one not open to serious denial, was true, evidently. It was alleged during the fight that the city had employed from first to last 721 voters on its works of one or another nature. That looked like an incredible payroll. But the vote justified it. Mayor Johnson and his two associates received a bigger vote in the election than they did in the primary. It looked as if the city had employed everybody in it.

A Good Organization "There goes Tammany" Democrats said this morning as the two fire wagons would dash out to imaginary fires. That was a tribute to the organization which overwhelmed the forces that circulated under the pleasing cognomen, "Good Government."

The secret of the election was the Tammany-like precision with which the ins went after everybody who had a mind to vote with them but lacked the polltax receipt or was disqualified by some other thing. The supporters of the ins declared that they spent no money for workers, just paid their polltax or lent the money for that purpose.

Plan of Certification The State board of examiners for high schools teachers license is working upon a plan of certification which gives temporary license to young students out of school for one year; gives renewal for two years, may give license for six years and under conditions perfectly satisfactory may create a life certificate. The details are not completed and the examination board is not ready to announce its plans. But a satisfactory showing in scholarship may give the applicant license for a year with or without the examination if he has the requirements. He may get this one year license extended two years and may receive an extension of three more upon satisfactory showing of the applicant. If he receives a lifetime certificate he is required to maintain a course of reading and study that will make him fit for a whole life.

Boosting Bailey Still Collector Bailey's friends are giving him a mighty boost for the general attorneyship. The story of his undoubted intention to make the race has brought him support from all places. It has not caused any applications for his position in the revenue service, but very little fear is felt here. Even in a Democracy such innominate is possible.

Mr. Bailey gets his strength from the powerful Democrats. It is not known whether Senator Simmons has actually heard about it or not. No body has told him. But Bailey has taken a tremendous start and the office holders are not his chief backers. The support of the State administration is remarkably strong for him.

Mrs. T. O. Hyman left last night for Goldsboro to spend a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. John Watson, Jr., and daughter Margaret left last evening for Dover to spend a few days visiting friends.

NEW YORK POLICE AFTER SLAYER

New York, May 4.—Convicted that Charles Murray, the four and a half years old boy murdered in the hallway of a lower east side tenement last night, was slain by the man who on March 19, killed Leonore Cohn, five years old, the police today made unusual efforts to arrest the murderer. Both crimes were "ripper" murders, presenting many similar features.

Several men who were lingering about the neighborhood of the Murray home were arrested on suspicion early today, but not one of them were released when the little sister of the murdered boy failed to identify one of them as the man she had seen hurrying from the hallway in which the boy's body was found soon afterward.

A negro porter in whose clothing were found several rusty razor blades and a revolver, and who was loitering near the Murray tenement, still is under arrest.

The Murray murder, only a short distance from the scene of the killing of the Cohn child, caused a scare among east-side parents.

RICHMOND MAN IS HEAVILY FINED

Subjected Young White Girl To Immoral Influences

Richmond, May 4.—H. Ferguson, head of the Richmond Window Cleaning Company, was fined \$100 in Police Court yesterday by Justice Griggs on the charge of subjecting Janie Jackson, a young girl, sixteen years old to vicious and immoral influences, and in rendering decision Justice Griggs stated that the girl would be sent to the Bon Air home for girls. Her eldest sister, Mrs. Virginia Kaiser, who was also under arrest on the charge of attempting to blackmail Ferguson, was directed by Justice Griggs to leave the State at once.

Ferguson was arrested several weeks ago by detective Sergeant Whitshire in a house on East Franklin Street, where he found him with Janie Jackson and her two older sisters, who claim that they had rushed into the room in time to save their sister, after she had been taken there by Ferguson for immoral purposes.

Ferguson claimed that it was a blackmailing scheme, and that the two older sisters had arranged with the younger to catch Ferguson in a trap. He said that they tried to force him to sign a check for \$800 and that when he refused that the older sister, Mrs. Kaiser, pulled a pistol on him. Ferguson maintained that he had secured a room for the girl in the Franklin Street house in order to get her out of his home, where she had been boarding.

MILITIA TO CRUISE Will Leave Hampton Roads On July 3. Raleigh, May 3.—Adjutant General Laurence W. Young today issued commissions to Capt. Samuel F. Boddie, First Lieutenant Glenn L. Crowell, and Second Lieutenant Garland A. Riggs, officers of the new military company of Franklin county, replacing Company D of the third regiment which was recently mustered out.

The adjutant general also announced the dates for the naval militia cruise for the North Carolina Naval Militia. The naval militia embarks July 3 from Hampton Roads and cruises north to New York City. It will engage in target practice at Gardner's Bay, Long Island and will be under Capt. C. D. Bradham who will be in command.

The North Carolina soldiers have been delighted with the handsome praise which has been bestowed upon them by the inspectors and marked copies of the Greensboro Daily News editorial reprinting a finely just and complimentary editorial from the Augusta Chronicle, have been received here.

Adjutant General Young has reports from the inspectors who go out of their way to say that they found no whiskey among the North Carolina soldiers in the encampments at Augusta, Fort Caswell, Morehead City and other places. This praise is voluntary.

Justice of the Peace S. R. Street had two offenders in his court yesterday. George Jones, colored, was arraigned on a warrant charging him with allowing his stock to run at large in the stock law territory. After hearing the evidence he was found guilty and fined five dollars and taxed with the cost, from which judgment he took an appeal. A hundred dollar bond was required. Elias Jones, colored, was taxed with the cost for an assault and engaging in an affray.

JOSEPH TILGHMAN CHAMPION TIGER SAYS W. T. DORTCH

United States Marshal Talks About Man Convicted Here

TAKEN TO ATLANTA

Never Credited Anyone With A Half Pint Or Quart

Raleigh, May 4.—Marshal W. T. Dortch's force this morning took four prisoners to the Federal prison in Atlanta and in the quartet was the famous Joe Tilghman, the champion blockader of eastern North Carolina. Marshal Dortch believes that Tilghman should have the world's record for business done within the shortest period. A few days ago he was arrested and brought before the United States Commissioner. "Will you gentlemen excuse me just a minute in order to give me time to do a little business before the hearing?" he asked the court and lawyers and left the room. When he came back within half an hour he had taken orders for 50 gallons of liquor at \$4 a gallon, disposed of it all, collected the money and was ready for the courts.

Never Credits "He never credits," Marshal Dortch said today. "I never heard of him losing any money." They say, too, that he will not sell under \$4. He maintains the prices of the retailers' union and has never given legitimate offense to the trade. He goes up for two years. It is merely a temporary suspension of business.

HERE'S A VERY STRANGE STORY

Negro Visits Pollocksville and Tells A Marvelous Narrative

One of the strangest stories heard here in some time came yesterday from a Pollocksville, C. S. low county, and the citizens there are wondering if they did not dream the entire occurrence.

The Story A leading to the story brought here, a colored man arrived in the town early on last Saturday morning and stated that he was the steward on board of a government survey boat which had come up from Florida and was anchored in a stream a few miles away. The man went to one of the leading merchants in the town and placed an order for food supplies amounting to fifty or sixty dollars and in which was included fifty pounds of beef. The merchant did not have the beef but told the negro that he would get it for him and this he did.

Saw the Sights In the meantime the negro walked about town, went to the post office, called for mail for a number of men who were supposed to be on the boat and was informed that there was nothing there for them. He then asked for any old newspapers that might happen to be lying around and was given a supply of these.

All during this time the colored man continued to tell of the trip of the survey boat as it came up from the wave-kissed shores of Florida to the North Carolina coast and even went so far as to invite a number of the citizens of the town to pay the ship a visit on Sunday. Declaring that he would be glad to call for them on Sunday in a launch. In some way the fellow obliterated himself from the town a short time later without anyone seeing him and while the merchant who had arranged to furnish the supplies for the boat between him self and the town. Now the strange part of the affair lies in the fact that no such boat had ever been in that part of the country. Just where the negro came from or where he went is another mystery but the worst part about it—to the merchant at least—is the fact that he has fifty pounds of beef steak on hand which he cannot dispose of.

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ANOTHER STRIKE MAY BE CALLED Indianapolis, May 4.—"Unless John R. Lawson is accorded fair treatment and vindicated," United Mine Workers of America will call another strike in Collieries prevailing there," said Frank J. Hays, vice-president of the organization, today.

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NOTED EVANGELIST DELIVERS ANOTHER THRILLING MESSAGE

Rev. G. W. Belk Heard With Interest By Large Crowd Last Night-- Spoke Mainly To Men and Boys--Told Some Wonderful Truths--A Great Service Tonight

JOSEPH GOSSUM IS NOW IN JAIL

James Gossam, colored, the man who was arrested Monday afternoon by Policeman Whitford, for carrying a concealed weapon, was arraigned before Mayor Bangert at Police Court yesterday afternoon. Probable cause was found and he was bound over the next term of Craven Superior Court under a justified bond in the sum of fifty dollars. He could not furnish this bond and was placed in the county jail.

Annie Spencer, colored, was fined two dollars, and fifty cents and taxed with the cost for being disorderly in the city. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case against Grant Davis, colored, charged with driving his horse faster than a walk, while hitched to a loaded dray.

ROADS POLICY WAS CRITICIZED Washington, May 4.—Before the Industrial Relations Commission hearing today, President Perham of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, said the policy of the Pennsylvania Railroad toward telegraphers is calculated to bring on strikes and other disturbances. He said this course is inimical to the public.

Perham said other roads have copied the system of the Pennsylvania. He charged that the Brotherhood of Railway clerks has been broken up by discharging all its members. He said the Pennsylvania has a system of secret spies excelling Russia's at a cost of \$800,000 a year. They are used to break up labor meetings, intimidate the men and hunt out union employees. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will testify on May 18.

LOVELORN SWAIN WANTS A WIFE

Girls! Here's A Chance To Get A Man, Also A Home

Richmond, Va., May 4.—Amazing communications are often received by the postmaster and Mr. Thornton today was the recipient of a letter of a decidedly unique and novel character. Sidney Roberts, who gives his address care General Delivery, Anacosta, Mont., writes Mr. Thornton to find him a wife. The man whose home is on the top of the Rocky mountains does not seem to be lacking in nerve qualifications for he does not hesitate to say that he is in a position to provide a nice home for his bride and enumerates some of the vices he does not possess such as cigarettes and the indulgence in strong drink. He says he has black curly hair, is an Englishman and has just passed the twenty-seventh mile post of the road of life.

Roberts says he would like to have a nice Virginia girl for his wife and one who could make him real happy. She must send her picture, and if not acceptable he will return it. She must be under 35 years of age and need not apply if beyond this limit unless she has abundant means.

GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES A NEW PRECEDENT. Washington, D. C., May 4.—The census bureau has established a new precedent by enumerating, at local request and expense, the population of a city between census years. This was done last month at Tulsa, Okla. under authority of a presidential order, and as a result the population of that city on April 15, 1915, was officially announced a few days ago as 28,240, exclusive of 1,958 persons living on "Indian lands" located within or adjacent to the city but politically distinct from it. The increase between 1910 and 1915 was 55 per cent.

J. E. Costen, a prominent timber dealer of Maysville, was yesterday in New Bern attending to business matters.

MARINE NEWS

The gas freight boat Ryne arrived in port yesterday morning from North Hatteras for a cargo of merchandise.

The gas freight boat Alfonso was in port yesterday morning taking on a cargo of merchandise for Beaufort and Davis.

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Taking into consideration the inclemency of the weather last night the crowd that attended the revival service at the Dix Tobacco Warehouse was a great deal larger than was expected, and it was a great deal larger than it would have been, had it not been generally known throughout the city that Dr. Belk is preaching the greatest revival sermons ever heard in this section of the State. He is a Bible scholar and this is why he is preaching the Bible truth in such a forcible and impressive manner. His sermons are entirely original, they are composed of illustrations and quotations of great men. He preaches the plain truth from the Bible in a manner that impresses the entire congregation.

Sermon for Men His sermon last night was mainly for men, and the manner in which he urged boys, young men and old men to love and respect their mothers was indeed effective. He preached the mother's love in a manner that reached the hearts of all who heard him. He told of what a mother endures for the sake of her children, of a mother's pride and her sorrows. He pleaded with men never to utter a word of disrespectful language to their mother or to do anything that would cause her pain and sorrow. "Young men, if mother says don't go down the street, don't go down the street," he said.

An Illustration He told of how, about nineteen hundred years ago the people would journey hundreds of miles to see that great man called Christ. The people were talking about Him everywhere, on the streets, in the homes, and in every place where people gathered. They were curious to know that wonderful man was like. Some of the people would tell about His wonderful love while others would remark that He was the most tenderhearted man to be a great man, that they had never seen, and Dr. Belk reaffirmed His love and tenderness. He told of how He had wept with His friends in hours of bereavement.

Points a Picture The minister painted a picture of Christ on the cross, with nail pierced hands, and on his brow was a crown of thorns. He was suspended there by the side of a thief and the people split in His face and accused Him of being an impostor and uttered all manner of abusive language to Him. Yet not a word of complaint escaped His lips.

The Trial of Christ Dr. Belk gave a brief story of the trial of Christ before Pilate, and pointed out in many instances of where the people failed to carry out the requirements of the law. The law required that before a man should be tried for his life he must first be arrested and then three days must be consumed in preparation for the trial, but this was not done. Christ was arrested by a mob, carried before Pilate, tried, sentenced and crucified, practically without following any of the requirements of the law. Pilate knew that he had an innocent man before him, but he also knew that if he did not allow Christ to be crucified he would lose his position and standing with the people. "What shall I do with Him who is called Christ?" this question stated Dr. Belk, presenting himself as Pilate, and it is presenting itself to the people of the present age, and it must be answered by every man and woman.

Great Sermon This was doubtless the greatest sermon ever heard in New Bern and it will linger in the minds of all who heard it for years to come. At the close of the sermon Dr. Belk gave an invitation to all men who are willing to take a stand for Christ to come forward and give him their names. One responded to this invitation but quite a number of people asked the prayers of christian people by rising to their feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilcox and Miss Maud and Carl Wilcox and Miss Parker of Wilmington, N. C., returned last night from Salisbury where they have been preaching the gospel.